

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

I know if my hearing is bad; my wife and children let me know. I see no reason why I should have to go to a doctor who would have to raise his voice to tell me that I need hearing aids. It seems to me that this would be mandating MORE money out of my pockets and into doctors pockets.


2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

This question answers itself. I don't believe any Gov't agency has the authority to take away any Constitutional rights.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

ABSOLUTLY!!! I cannot think of ANY valid reason why I should not be able to do this. I have been dealing with Excel Hearing Solutions for a number of years, and have found them to be extremely helpful and knowledgable. I have never had a problem with them, which is more than I can say for some doctors that I have seen. This is not to say that I don't like doctors. I just don't believe it necessary to spend more money for a test to tell me that I am hard of hearing

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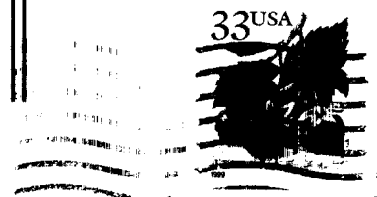
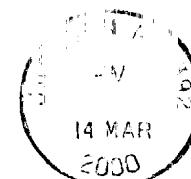
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